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## Goddard's Safety Awareness Campaign

At NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, mission success rests squarely on the shoulders of its single most important asset: The Goddard workforce.

The Center Director, Executive Council, and Goddard Safety Council view this as a top priority and will participate in various activities.

Furthermore, Dr. Weiler requests that all civil servant and contractor personnel participate in the activities planned for their respective organizations.

As recent mishaps and close calls have shown, we must be proactive when it comes to safety.

The Safety Awareness Campaign activities will help employees build safer, more productive work environments by providing current information on a variety of important topics: GSFC Safety Program architecture; roles and responsibilities; safety resources; procedures for conducting Job Hazard and Personal Protective Equipment analyses (JHA/PPE); hazardous waste storage and disposal; Safety, Health, and Environmental Training opportunities.

To meet GSFC's current and future challenges in science, engineering, business management, and other disciplines, the safety and health of each employee must be protected.

With this in mind, the Center embarked on its first annual Safety Awareness Campaign, beginning in November.

To emphasize the role each employee plays in safety management, each directorate will design and carry out their own activities and events.

Since all GSFC organizations are unique with regard to workplace hazards, mitigation strategies, inspection procedures, reporting tools, and other Safety Program elements, the Safety Awareness Campaign's decentralized approach to safety awareness will allow Directorate planning teams the freedom to address safety-related issues and topics most relevant to their organizations.

- Police
- Fire
- Ambulance
- Chemical

In an Emergency  
Call 911



So, be aware and be safe! Participate in your Directorate's Safety Awareness Campaign...like your life depended on it!

For further information visit: <http://safety1st.gsfc.nasa.gov/index.html> or contact Les McGonigal, Safety Office, at x2518.

## Wallops Shorts.....

### In the News

Daily Times "Wallops Considered for Navy Sonar Plan"

Eastern Shore News "Will U.S. Navy Exercises Harm Area Wildlife?"

### On Site

The CREAM II balloon team has arrived on site in Antarctica preparing for a December lunch.

### Launch

A NASA Improved-Orion sounding rocket was launched from White Sands Missile Range, N.M., on November 9. The reimbursable mission was a Navy tracking exercise. Good data was obtained. John Winstead, Naval Air Warfare Center, was the principal investigator. Bill Payne, NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract, was the mission manager. The payload was recovered.

### Wallops Marathon Runner

Mike Hitch, NASA Advanced Projects Office, participated in the SunTrust Richmond (Va) Marathon on November 12. Hitch finished his first marathon a decent 1,685<sup>th</sup> out of 4,680 registered runners. He finished the 26.2 mile run in 4 hours 12 minutes and 30 seconds.

## NASA Thanks East Texas

NASA showed its appreciation to the people of East Texas for helping with the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery effort in 2003. NASA learned important lessons from the debris the Texas communities recovered that were instrumental to the shuttle's Return to Flight this past summer.

The November 10 event in Palestine included the presentation of a plaque to local and state officials for their dedication and work during the recovery efforts.

Similar events were held from November 6 - 10 in Lufkin, Corsicana, Hemphill and Nacogdoches.





## Debedeavon Toastmasters

Toastmasters is a worldwide movement geared to promoting effective oral communications.

Debedeavon (pronounced Deb - ah - dee - von) Toastmasters Club of Wallops Island meets the first and third Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Navy Morale, Welfare, and Recreation building (the Cropper Center) located on Kearsarge Circle. Take the second right as you exit the Wallops Main Base.

Wallops contractor, civil servant, and partnering tenant employees as well as members of the community are invited. Come as a guest on Wednesday, November 16, and learn more about this wonderful club that provides speaking and leadership training.

## Slips, Trips and Falls are no Laughing Matter!

by Stan Williams

Walking too fast, running, carrying materials that obstruct your view, wearing sunglasses in low light areas, or failure to use handrails can lead to slips, trips or falls.

Wear proper footwear for the work environment. Work shoes should be slip resistant, resist crushing of the toes and provide ankle support.

Abrasive coatings should be applied to concrete, wood or metal walking surfaces. Immediately report any slippery conditions on walking surfaces.

Stairwells should be well lit with sturdy hand rails on both sides. Always keep one hand free for use on the handrail.

Stair steps should have the same rise and depth. Keep stairs free of grease, oil and obstructions. Report unsafe conditions to the building Facilities Operation Manager

(FOM) and/or your supervisor. Carry small light, loads when using stairs.

Proper housekeeping can prevent falls. Paint yellow lines to identify working and walking areas in a lab or shop. Ensure these areas are never obstructed.

Adequate lighting is important. Moving from a light to a dark area could cause a person to trip over a misplaced object.

Climbing and working with ladders can result in a fall. Only use American National Standards Institute approved ladders.

Slips, trips and falls are no laughing matter. Learn the hazards of your job and how to protect yourself from accidents.

For additional information contact the Wallops Safety Office at x2369.

## Looking Forward to December

by Ted Wilz, Senior Meteorologist

There are usually nine days with measurable precipitation in December with a monthly average of 3.24 inches. Snow also becomes more of a reality in December.

We usually have one day with measurable snow. The monthly average for this area is 1.31 inches. If only we could make this one snow day Christmas Eve!



Average high temperatures in early December average in the low 50s, cooling to the mid to upper 40's as January

approaches. Average low temperatures start out in the mid 30s, but cool off to around 30 by month's end.

The warmest December day ever at Wallops occurred on December 7, 1998, when we reached a record 77 degrees. The coldest day on record was on December 21, 1989, when we reached a frigid 4 degrees above zero.

With the approaching holidays and the associated travel, along with the onset of snow, freezing precipitation and the increased hazards of wintertime driving, it's a good time to make sure our vehicles are safe.

## Want Cheese?

WEMA will be accepting cheese orders through November 16.

Submit your order form to the Wallops Exchange Store located in Building E2 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) or fax to Karen at x2150. Order forms also are available in the Exchange.

Call George Brothers at x1528 for further information.

## Influenza Vaccine

by Dr. Barry Spinak

The Wallops Health Unit (HU) has **NOT** received a supply of influenza vaccine for the 2005-2006 flu season. The Wallops HU will be receiving less than half the amount we ordered and has not been able to give a specific date for that shipment.

If you are at high risk for complications from influenza you are advised not to wait for the HU to receive the vaccine. Wallops employees will be notified by email when the HU receives the influenza vaccine.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions or want to know who is considered high risk call the Health Unit at x1266.

## America Recycles Day Tailgate Sale

Clean-out your closets, recycle your unwanted treasures, and earn a little cash.

When: November 15 -- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Where: Parking Lot NORTH of Building E-2 (Photo Lab and Cafeteria)

E-mail a Wallops Recycling Committee member, below, that you have items to recycle/sell at the tailgate and we'll get the word out.

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